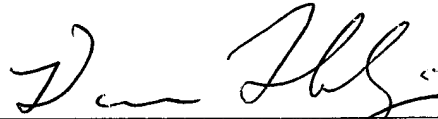


09/397,741 has been allowed. Claims 12-23 include the patentable features allowed in the parent application, and should therefore be allowable.

Early consideration and action on the merits are solicited.

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